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THE
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OF
JOHN GOOD,

VULGARLY CALLED

Jack the Giant-Queller ;

WHO

Was condemned on the First of April 1745,

AND

Executed on the Third of May following.



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OF
JOHN GOOD.

Countrymen and Fellow Christians !

AN Order hath issued for my being **TURNED**
OFF THE STAGE of this Transitory Life;
and, in these my last moments, it would no longer
become me, to contend with **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**,
or to dispute against **POWER**.

For the present, I barely mean to give you a
brief account of my Family and Education; to
recollect such of my Actions and Sentiments, as
were most likely to have hastened this melancholy
hour; and to advise and exhort you all against
such a Course of Life, as, by my example, may
bring you to this Untimely End.

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Perhaps it may appear wonderful to you, my Brethren, that a person of my reputed Prowess and Spirit, should thus tamely submit to this Shameful Period of my Labours.

Let it suffice to be told you, that, throughout the History of my Progenitors, our Prowess hath rather subsisted in the Weight of our Arguments, than in the Force of our Arms; and that VIRTUE and SUFFERING, have ever been the distinguishing characteristics of our Family.

Indeed, when I look back to the unsearchable Wisdom of my Accusers, from the penetration of whose Authority I could not conceal my intentions, and who have fathomed all depths by the Lead of their own Genius; were I disposed to be merry on an occasion so solemn, I could turn your tears into glee, and your mourning into peals of laughter: but this BLAZON must not be for the present; you will find it annexed to the History of my Life, and spare not to be merry when I am departed.

It has long been a received opinion, that “ All men are Brothers; All Branches, however warped, of the Same Stock; All Sketches, however bungled, of the Same Original.”

Wherefore, when I come to shew, that it is not from One House, but from Two Separate Houses,

Houses, that the inhabitants of the earth are derived; when I demonstrate, that the Generation of The GOODS was from Principles eternally opposite to that of The GIANTS; when I prove, that those LUBBARDS were created the natural Vassals of my Progenitors, and that it is the SERVANT who is thus exalted above his LORD; let not your faith be alarmed, neither hold me for a fetter-forth of new doctrines.

I stand here, my friends, as a culprit, convicted before the world, touching a late History of my Life and Adventures. The Crimes, that are charged to this History, are not of a light or venial nature: they are no other than Blasphemy, Treason, Sedition, Faction, Disaffection to Majesty and good Government, and Universal Malevolence to Mankind.

But how, my brethren, will ye be astonished to hear, how will the Enemies of our House be abashed to discover, that this History, so discountenanced by the caution of expectants, so suppressed by * * * * * was STOLEN, almost word for word, from an OPERA that was acted near six thousand years ago, and penned by the AUTHOR OF NATURE!

Had not the confession, that is expected from all persons in my unhappy situation, extorted from me

me an acknowledgment of this Theft, it might possibly have remained a secret to the end of things: for, in fact, the Tables and Characters of the DIVINE ORIGINAL, are so erased by Time, and blotted by Interpolations, and the Enemies of our Family are such utter Strangers both to the Text and the Comment; that they would never have conjectured at the TRUTH, till The Day wherein Giantism shall appear as a Midge, and my Judges shall themselves be brought to their Audit.

This DIVINE OPERA, of which I speak, was opened on the sixth day of creation; the AUTHOR was himself the Conductor of the drama; the entrance was Human Life; and the theatre was the Bosom of the First Man that ever breathed.

And the two first characters, who were appointed to make their appearance, were the embryo Giants of AMBITION and APPETITE; who thereafter grew up into POWER and VIOLENCE: and, as they were formed of the gross elements of matter, they retained the tempestuous nature of their principles; fiery, indeed, and devouring, when unreined; but, therefore, more active for service, when duly subjected, and tempered to government.

And when these Vassals were thus prepared to usher in the state of their Masters; the breath of
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life came into this microcosm of nature, and instantly THREE CHARACTERS of Divine Similitude made their entrance; to wit, Prime Vizier GOODNESS, Princely WISDOM, and Imperial WILL: and the province of Vizier GOODNESS was, to influence and incline; and the province of Prince WISDOM was, to remonstrate and enlighten; and the province of King WILL was, to order and impel those Inferior and Elementary Rascals to their Duty.

And while Prime Vizier GOODNESS was retained in the heart and seat of influence, all was smooth, all was joyous, all was happy: for he was not an enemy to the Passions; he was not the Killer, but the Queller of those Giants; and indulged them to the Capacity of their Nature, which was only susceptible of Benefit within the sphere of their Obedience.

And Imperial WILL listened with a pleased attention to the remonstrances of Princely WISDOM, and he was illuminated thereby; and a secret and inexpressible Delight arose within him from every Impulse of Prime Vizier GOODNESS: and while his Orders, so influenced, rather won a spontaneous Obedience, than exacted a reluctant Submission, all motions within the world of man became easy; every action was free, every wish was gratified, every capacity was filled; no symmetry in Beauty,

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no consonance in harmony could rival the music of a Government so tuned; and in this Subordination of Faculties, this Symphony of Powers, consisted the Original Rectitude, the Perfection of human kind.

AND THUS ENDED THE FIRST ACT.

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NOW the Giants of AMBITION and APPE-
TITE began to grow apace, and they became
mighty in their own eyes; and they said, " We
" will form a WILL unto ourselves, we will have a
" monarch of our own election, and we will dic-
" tate our desires unto him; and we will be in the
" place of this Prince and Prime Vizier, and will
" rule over him."

And while they thus caballed between them-
selves, they turned away their eyes from the En-
lightenings of WISDOM, and grew enraged at the
Reproofs and Goadings of GOODNESS; and they
began to say unto King WILL, " Thou art bur-
" dened by thy counsellors, thou hast no need of
" these thy haughty advisers; for thou art suffi-
" cient unto Thyself; thou art a God, wise and
" free from eternity; and we are subjects and
" vassals unto thee alone; and we will exalt thy
" state, and be ministers unto thy pleasure for
" ever."

And by their insinuations they won upon the
inclination of this King, and by their obsequious-
ness they attached him to their party: and these
Two Giants, together with King WILL, rose up
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in arms as by one consent; and they drove out Prime Vizier GOODNESS from the kingdom, and they put Prince WISDOM in chains. And from this unnatural coalition and intimacy of these rebels with their King, a Third GIANT, called INIQUITY or WRONG, arose; and these Three Varlets waxed great in power, and absolute in authority; and they issued a proclamation, whereby it became "High Treason in any to lift up his voice against Giants." And they laid violent hands on King WILL whom they had seduced; and they put out his eyes, so that he should not see his way for ever; and they placed a pageant scepter in his hand, and he became their vassal. And a thick darkness fell upon The World of Man, and uproar and tumult was heard therein.

AND THUS ENDED THE SECOND ACT.

NOW, had this OPERA ended here, forasmuch as the period would have been sudden, the conduct imperfect, and the catastrophe extremely tragical, and very different from the Original Design; the AUTHOR called the banished Prime Vizier, and appointed him to make his Second Entrance on the stage; and HE gave him a Scorpion, called CONSCIENCE, in his hand, and said unto him,

“ Inasmuch as The World of Man is become
“ a Chaos; and that those of thy Family, to
“ whom the Government was appointed, are themselves conquered and quelled therein.

“ Inasmuch as The Giants are increased in
“ number, and grown absolute in authority, and
“ have enslaved their Prince, and blinded the
“ understanding of their Sovereign.

“ Do thou re-enter among them, and deliver
“ Prince WISDOM from prison, and take King
“ WILL into thy leading; for thou shalt not as
“ yet be able to restore sight to the King, neither
“ wholly to rescue the Prince from his shackles.
“ And do thou kindle A NEW LIGHT in The
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“ World of Man, that shall invade and contend
 “ with the Darkness thereof: and be thou watch-
 “ ful and mighty, and enter into perpetual war
 “ with The Giants, and strive to subdue them;
 “ and when they rise up in arms against thee,
 “ take this Scorpion in thy hand, and spare
 “ not to sting their guilt, and to lash their re-
 “ bellions.

“ But forasmuch as thy Enemies are filled with
 “ POWER, and VIOLENCE, and WRONG, and can
 “ neither be shamed by foils, nor wholly slain by
 “ woundings; they shall be able to prevail against
 “ thee for six thousand years: and during this
 “ Combat, thou thyself shalt be subject to many
 “ discomfitures, and inflictions, and confusions of
 “ face; but in the end thou shalt overcome. And
 “ thou shalt take the Third of the Giants and
 “ shalt slay him; and the other Two Giants thou
 “ shalt restore as at the first: and that they be
 “ able no more to rebel, thou thyself shalt take
 “ the Government upon thee; and thou shalt give
 “ New Eyes and Understanding to King WILL,
 “ and shalt deliver Prince WISDOM to perfect
 “ Freedom; and they shall rejoice to become thy
 “ Servants, and shall walk the foremost in thy
 “ Train for ever.”

And Prime Vizier GOODNESS did as he was commanded: and he entered upon his new com-

mission; and he spoke Peace to the tumult, and Silence to the uproar in Man; and New Light sprung up in his hemisphere, and the Form of Order was restored therein; and those, who had not known the First World, were delighted at the Beauty of the Second.

AND THUS ENDED THE THIRD ACT.



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NOW, as the Fourth Act was appointed to fill a long Parenthesis, called Time, and yet was only susceptible of a single action, to wit, the Combat between the Family of The Goons and the Family of The GIANTS; as this Fourth Act was solely intended to recapitulate and illustrate the Three former Acts, and was of no further importance than as it was preparatory to the Fifth and Last Act of this Great Drama; The AUTHOR, in order to introduce his grand catastrophe, with all the dignity and variety that the nature of his plan would admit, determined to enlarge his Theatre, and increase the number of his Actors, without increasing his Characters, or deviating a tittle from his Original Model.

Wherefore HE spread out this earth for his Stage, and the skies for his Curtain; and his scenes were wrought from the several elements, and in them was hieroglyphically designed and incyphered each emblem of the Future Combat; and THE SPIRIT OF GIANTISM spread throughout, and was prevalent and exalted therein.

Hence the EARTH, by nature sluggish and stupid, grew animated and convulsed through its
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internal vacuities; and, through its emptiness, it became overswoln and overweening; and, in its pride, it shook and made war upon its kindred elements, and it ingulphed the Water, and belched forth the Flame.

And the AIR began to murmur; and, changing from its native serenity and sweetness, it rose into wrath, and exclaimed loudly against the Economy and Beauty of Nature; and it attempted to throw the Ocean from its seat, and to divest the Earth of its cloathing and ornaments.

And the SEA was moved thereat; and it combated the Winds, and foamed against the Earth; and, in its fury, it would have scaled the very Heavens, for it was enraged that any Limits should be set to its Ambition.

And through these violent commotions the FLAME was enkindled; and it fell on the ripened corn, and on the shrubs, and on the forests; and opposition but served to administer to its violence, and it seized on the shelter of cattle, and on the asylums and little nests of the choiring inhabitants, and ravaged and laid all waste without mercy.

And while the Noisy thus blustered, and the Empty uttered sounds of terror, the Barren Mountains were swelled in their Pride, and elated and

hardened in the Opinion of their Dignity; and they arose above the Fertility of the humble and refreshing Vales, and in their nakedness they assumed pre-eminence, and claimed the skies in right of their Insignification.

For the AUTHOR had appointed, in the FERMENTATION of GIANTISM, that the Mean and Inconsiderable should get uppermost; and that the Light, and the Despicable, and the Detestable, should ascend.

Wherefore the Vapour, and the Dross, and the Scum of Nature, sprung aloft; and the Stench and the Nuisance of the earth were exalted; and they condensed their powers, and rode sublime, and intercepted the benignity of the sun-beams; and they looked down with contempt on all fruits, and on all fragrance; and they blasted the fields with their lightnings, and with their thunders they terrified the living. And All that was Valuable lay low; and the Gold, and the Gems, and the Riches of the Earth sunk from sight, and were hid in the depth, and in the bosom thereof.

And THE SPIRIT OF GIANTISM entered into the beasts, and the fowl, and the fish, and into the very insects, and crawling reptiles of nature: and the Pard began to glare, and the Lion to roar in the forest; and the Whale drew the fish
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by shoals into his maw; and the Shark said, "In voraciousness consisteth dominion." And the Hawk, and the Eagle, and the Vulture, soared on high; and they looked down, with indignation, on THE SPIRIT OF GOODNESS, where it bleated in the Fields, and made music in the Groves; and they marked the Lamb, and the Suckling, and the Gentle Robin, and the Cooing Dove, and the Matin Lark, for their Prey.

And when this Great Theatre was thus prepared, the DIVINE AUTHOR called forth two characters from The Bosom of ADAM, and appointed them to make their entrance; and the one was called CAIN, and the other was called ABEL: and the First was the Representative of the Family of The GIANTS, and the Second was the Representative of the Family of The GOODS; and the Elder, from the Principles of his Generation, was called THE SON OF MAN; and the Younger, from the Principles of his Generation, was called THE SON OF GOD.

And The Elder rose up against The Younger, and slew him; and he ruled alone, and begot a Race of GIANTS: and all the Sons of Enmity, and of Avarice, and of Ambition, and of Violence, and of Lust, and of Sensuality, and The Mighty in Shew, and The Little in Signification, are the Descendents of the said Giant unto this day.

Wherefore, in order to give some Poise to the Scale of Iniquity, The AUTHOR appointed a Second Representative of the Family of the Goods, who should stand in the place of his brother who was slain, and he called his name SETH. And he also prospered, and begot a numerous issue, who multiplied through several centuries; and all the Sons of Love, and of Candour, and of Fortitude, and the Generous, and the Honourable, and the Humane, and the Great of Soul, and the Little of Ostentation, are the Descendents of the said ANCESTOR unto this day.

And in process of time it came to pass, that these The Children of GOD beheld the Daughters of the Giants, and saw that they were fair; and they said, "We will no longer wage war against the Giants, but will enter into league and into affinity with them; and we will be as One Family, and as One House:" and Female Beauty became to them as a second kind of Forbidden Fruit; they tasted, they communicated with the Enemies of Virtue; nature felt a Second Wound; every imagination grew incarnate and corrupt; it repented The AUTHOR that he had brought man upon the stage, and he determined to sweep him from the surface thereof.

And in those days there was a certain Poet called NOAH, who refused to listen to the enchantments

ments of his wife: and growing bold in his integrity, he lifted up his voice against a world, and he warned them to deprecate the impending judgment; and he preached to the Giants, "That All should become Little in their own eyes." And his sermon appeared as a Farce, or as a matter of Mummery, and they laughed at the Man; but though "the earth was then filled with violence," they declined to lay a hand on the Preacher.

And the waters descended, and the floods arose, and this Poet was lifted thereon above the heads of the GIANTS: and the pride of their stature did not avail them for wading; and the fire of their lusts was quenched, and their offences and their filth and their impurities were washed away, and all their sins were covered. And this Poet with his household alone remained, to renew the Present World, and to carry Tidings of the Former to Posterity.

Now the earth, thus delivered of her foul and monstrous burden, began to smile afresh, and to rejoice as in the First Morning and Spring-Tide of Innocence. But forasmuch as, in the house of NOAH, there still remained of the blood of The GIANTS; forasmuch as this world, an irksome passage to The Progeny of the Goods, is yet the proper nursery and province, the Sole Heaven and Native

Native Element of GIANTISM: nature began anew to assert her own; the two families again became distinguished; they resumed their animosity; the war was renewed; and The Giants, as in old times, were crowned with success.

And they built themselves Babels, and erected monuments to their own glory; and they formed new governments, and new states, and new religions; and they became Mighty Hunters, and Emperors, and Rulers, and Potentates, and High-Priests, and Grandees, and Judges, and Justices, and Taxgatherers, and Catchpoles, and Jailers, and Executioners: and fear fell upon all men; and they said, "Surely the hand of Heaven doth fight for The Giants, for with them alone is Omnipotence!" and they paid divine honours unto them, and worshipped, and bowed down before them to the dust; and scarce refrained from suffocating those their idols with the stench of their adulations.

And The GIANTS enacted new laws, and new habits, and new customs, and new fashions: and they reversed Nature and Reason from the bottom to the top; and they appointed to all men, that Good should become Evil, and Evil become Good, and that the Great should appear Little, and the Little appear Great; and it was so. And, as Gods, they created new happiness, and new pleasures,

pleasures, and new appetites, and new opinions; and the Substance of Dignity was turned into Shew, and the Simplicity of Honour into Gaud and Equipage. And they ordered, that all Virtue should be dug from the Bowels of the Earth, and that all Merit should be weighed in Scales of Bullion; and it was so. And Power was denominated from the capacity of Mischief, and Wealth from the issues of Fraud and Depredation. And Truth and Wisdom were levelled with the dust; and the Traitor, and the Pander, and the Buffoon, were exalted. And hymns were sung to the Deities of Rioting and Drunkenness, and anthems to the arm of Inhumanity and Devastation.

Thus did GIANTISM prosper, and grow, and rise in stature, and spread abroad in bulk, till it attained to Universal Dominion; so that OUR FAMILY did not dare to shew their heads throughout the earth, and scarce the appearance of contest remained between us. For though I can quote a few instances, as of HERCULES, JOSHUA, DAVID, and the first BRUTUS, where our House have prevailed; yet the MILTIADES's, the SOCRATES's, the ARISTIDES's, the PHOCIONS, the SCIPIO's, the CICERO's, the PETUS's, the AGRICOLA's, the &c. of our Family, have been imprisoned by Practice, devoted by Superstition, proscribed by Envy, murdered by Faction, exiled by Ingratitude, sacrificed by Ambition, stabbed by Malice, doomed

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ed by Tyranny—SACRED VICTIMS TO LIBERTY!
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At length The PRINCE and GREAT PRINCIPLE OF OUR FAMILY, The LIGHT from whence ALL VIRTUE hath received Illumination, The SEED of our Growth, The ESSENCE of our Effluence, descended; and the Heavens bowed down to give HIM way, and the earth sprung forward to receive HIM.

And HE came, not arrayed in the Fool's Coat of GIANTISM, nor in the Weakness of their Power, nor in the Meanness of their Dignity; but, over his IMMENSITY, HE threw the appearance of Limitation, and with Time HE invested his ETERNITY; and his OMNIPOTENCE put on Frailty, and his SUPREMACY put on Subjection; and with the Veil of Mortality he shrouded his BEAUTY, lest degenerate nature should shrivel at his Sight, and creation, through its depravity, be annihilated in HIS PRESENCE.

And in HIS WORD was Life, and in HIS BREATH there was Healing; and Death fled before him, and Sickness grew sound at his Sight; and the Lame ran, and the Blind gazed, and the Deaf listened; and all the elements were hushed; and the earth trembled with Reverence beneath the Foot of her CREATOR.

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And THE POWERS OF GIANTISM were shaken, and they greatly feared for their State, and for their Kingdom; and they murmured that this their hour had fallen unawares; and they said, “ Art thou come to torment us before our day?”

And THE Prince of the Giants took this THE PRINCE of our Family apart, and held before him the Magnifying Perspective of the Dreamer; and he shewed him the Whole Toy-house of the Children of men, their distinctions, and their properties, and cares, and concerns, and amusements, and privileges, and stars, and ribbons, and trinkets, and hobbies, and go carts, and revellings, and wailings. And through This Glafs they appeared as of reality and importance; and they shewed like kingdoms, and policies, and dominion, and glory, and honour, and pomp, and acquisitions worthy of triumph, and losses worthy of lamentation.

And The Prince of the Family of the Giants said unto the The PRINCE of the Family of the GOODS;
 “ HERE alone is true existence, and true power, and
 “ true pleasure, and true possession; and this is the
 “ world of high thoughts, and of happy atchievements;
 “ and All These Things are MINE, and
 “ whosoever desireth the same doth Homage to
 “ My Supremacy; and I give them to my mini-
 “ ons,

“ons, and to my votaries, and I will constitute
 “Thee the Prince and the Ruler thereof.”

And The Prince of Our Family beheld, and the Perspective was not able to endure His Regard: The Glass shivered at THE BEAM OF HIS EYE,—and All the Shew vanished!

And HE looked abroad, to see who of his Kindred remained on the earth, and to know which of them would acknowledge The POWER OF HIS REDEMPTION. But all had strayed as in a foreign land, and lusted after the flesh-pots of their taskmasters. And The Giants had taken them captive, and had made them hewers of wood, and drawers of water, and caterers for their tables, and fishers for their delicacies. And Our Family had become as Asses, to carry the burdens of GIANTISM; and as Oxen, to plow a soil, “wherein they had no Inheritance.”

And their PRINCE had compassion upon them, and HE called them unto him, and loosed them from the Chains of their Lusts; and with the Balm of his Breath he healed their Wounds, and with the Robe of his Mercy he cloathed their infirmities. And HE widened their Capacity, HE stretched out their Existence; HE carried them backward where Time was not, and forward through the Tracts of Eternity. And HE gave them
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them Dominion over the clamours of appetite, and a Scepter over the tumult of passions, and Power over The Principalities of Giantism, and over Weakness, and over Sin, and over Pain. And He gave them GOODNESS to drink as morning's milk, and WISDOM for food as at a festival. And He lifted them on high, whence they looked, and beheld this world as a Molehill, and The Giants as Reptiles thereon; and they smiled at all beneath, as at the impertinence of a dream that had passed; for they discovered Human Life as a short though thorny pass, and Death but as a portal that opened on Immortality. And he poured Affection into their hearts, and Exultation into their bosoms; and their souls were expanded in Delight, and they became as Gods; for each drank in the Happiness of All, and with the arms of their Love they embraced the Universe, as though it had been the work of their own creation.

And the Thrones, and the Sanhedrims, and the Potentates, and the Rulers, and the High-Priests, and the Elders, and the Judges, and the Placemen, and the Ministers through Earth and through Hell, arose; and All The Powers of Giantism took council together. And they summoned their armies of tipstaves, and bailiffs, and bravoës, and ruffians, and with a Mortal Arm they laid hold on OMNIPOTENCE, and they brought THE JUDGE OF QUICK AND DEAD before the Tribunal

Tribunal of Iniquity. And they accused Him of misdemeanors, and of high crimes against the State; for they proved that RIGHTEOUSNESS was a paradox to Human Policy, and that TRUTH was high treason against their Statutes and against their Ordinances. Wherefore, for his Good Works He stood impeached; he was convicted according to the Fullness of Law; he was appointed to the Cross by the Equity of their Administration; and THE PRINCE OF PARDON was condemned, THE FOUNTAIN OF HONOUR was spit upon; and they scourged THE HEALER, and put to torture THE DISPENSER OF DELIGHTS.

And all the elements stood aghast, and the rocks were rent with Remorse, and the earth sweat drops of Anguish; and the Sun withdrew his face, and the stars refused to behold, lest THE LAMP THAT FED THEIR LIGHTS should be extinguished.

Then did Heaven pluck the Rein from the muzzle of GIANTISM, that it might rage without check or limitation: and it gnashed upon GOODNESS; as a Vulture it caught THE BEAUTY OF ETERNITY in its talons, and it stabbed at THE SOURCE OF LIFE, and in its Wrath would have annihilated INFINITY. Yet it served but to rend in twain the Veil of his Mortality, that his DIVINITY might thereby become apparent. Wherefore

fore He permitted the utmost of their malice, that He might shew to all his House, and to all his Kindred, how impotent, how inconsiderable, how wholly despicable, is GIANTISM; that its Strength is Weakness, its Wisdom Folly, its Wealth Poverty; its Honours an Indignity, its Pride a Ridicule, its Pomp a Sneer; its Judgment a Lie, its Pleasures a Dream, its Triumphs a Defeat; its Hopes an Illusion, its Pursuits an Error, its Possessions a Phantom; its Ornaments Nakedness, its Beauty a Blemish, its Health a Disease:—And that nothing is strong, nothing is wise, nothing is wealthy; nothing is decent, nothing is ornamental, nothing is honourable; nothing is pleasant, nothing is true, nothing is real; nothing is hopeful, nothing is beautiful, nothing is desirable—but GOODNESS.

Thus, my friends, although it was expected, that the CHIEF of our Family as at that time should descend, in order to make an end at once with Giantism: yet this The PRINCE of our progeny did himself declare, that he came not to accomplish but reinforce the combat; that “he came not to bring peace but a sword upon earth,” and to put new weapons for war into the hands of his failing Fraternity, whereby we are enabled to wage truceless and irreconcilable conflict with Giants, whether they be of the World, or of the Flesh, or of that

Spirit who is the Power of both—till time shall draw to its final period, till this Cerberean Dog of Giantism shall have fulfilled his day; when THE CAPTAIN OF OUR WARFARE shall himself return, to commence the fifth and last act of his Almighty Drama; when the hugeness, and the seeming almightiness of Giantism, shall be cast to mockery, and to spurnings, and to annihilation; and to the Little, and to the Low, and to the Abased of our House, shall be rendered enlargement, and elevation, and glory, for ever.

And now, my brethren, forasmuch as I have shewn you, that the Giants of my late History, so variously and shrewdly applied by the INGENIOUS, to Modern Ministers, Justices, Privy Counsellors, Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Aldermen, &c. &c. were no other than the Original Giants of the Great Drama I have recited; that our First Parent fell by their rebellion, that on his ruins they erected their dominion, that in his restoration they were combated but not quelled, and that the appointed warfare still subsists between us: had I proceeded thus far only, had I limited my Opera to Nature and to Truth as set down and prescribed in the DIVINE ORIGINAL, that power is not on earth who could have called me to question. But, inasmuch as I added a fifth and untimely act thereto, inasmuch as I carried the present times into futurity, and untruly and injuriously and audaciously

set forth, that the might of Giantism was already conquered, and that GOODNESS was prevalent and triumphant among us, I justly suffer the penalty of this my error and my arrogance.

However, I would not have you be ignorant, that I am the least of many writers, both modern and ancient, both sacred and profane, who have undertaken to treat of these things. And you will find throughout the pages of Authentic Holiness, that all of this Reprobate and Enormous Race have ever been the Enemies of VIRTUE and Opponents of the ALMIGHTY; and that no Giant whatever, whether of Cain or of Nimrod, a son of Amalek or of Philistim, hath yet drawn a sword in favour of EQUITY; or hath at any time arisen, from the beginning until now, a PATRON OF LIBERTY, or CHAMPION FOR TRUTH.

And in the gigantic days of Rome and of Cæsar, two Seers arose who prophesied of these matters; and the first was called Virgilius, and the second was called Ovidius. And the first took his parable from foreign parts, and said,

That in Sicily there dwelled a nation of tremendous inhabitants, whose institution was Iniquity, and whose prey was Man. And their stature was lifted up in the height of Ambition, and their arms stretched forth to the extent of Power. And

their task was, in the forge of infernal operations, to frame thunders for the spreading of death and of terror, and weapons for hostility, and implements for mischief. But, forasmuch as their Hands did outnumber their Optics, this prophet did thereby give his readers to understand, that the Authority of Giantism did surpass its Intellects, and that its Force was twofold the extent of its Discernment. Moreover, he tells us, that under the appearance of Ulysses and his train, Knowledge came upon this land, and Wisdom visited this people: and that, in the semblance of Æneas and the Gods of his Hearth, Piety and Hospitality would have intruded among them. But they looked upon Wisdom as an enemy to their policy, and on Piety as an enemy to the idols of their worship. And some of these messengers they prohibited their shores, and others they slaughtered, and others they devoured; and the chiefs of these ambassies with difficulty escaped, to carry to other climates the benefits of their visitation. And forasmuch as this prophet, in this his history of the Cyclopes, did according to the nature and veracity of things, and gave glory and honour and conquest to Giantism, he was approved by the Wealthy, and caressed by the Great, and received praise and remuneration from the Mighty ones of his country.

And the other Seer, even as I have done, took up his parable from ancient times. And he lift up his

his voice and cried aloud to all people, that
 “ Giantism was Iniquity; and that GOODNESS
 “ was richer than Gold, and more honourable
 “ than Power.”

And he sung, that in the days of old there were
 Giants in the land, who were the sons of the earth
 and the boisterous progeny of the elements; and
 they were a people of magnitude, and enormity,
 and renown throughout the world, and of pro-
 digious deeds, and of pestilentious atchievements;
 and they grasped the East with their right hand,
 and with their left they laid hold upon the West;
 and with their head they appeared to push the stars
 from their seats, so highly did they move in the
 Pride of their Exaltation. Yet their steps were
 not formed to the ways of Humanity, for they
 walked upon the feet of the Dragon and of the
 Old Serpent; and they seized upon the earth with
 all its inhabitants, and moved countries to and
 fro, and transferred nations at pleasure. And
 they said among themselves, “ What is Heaven
 “ that we should fear, and what is Righteousness
 “ that we should observe? Our will is the law,
 “ and our pleasure is the end, and our power is
 “ the compass and execution thereof.” And for-
 asmuch as they had heard that there was Equity
 above, and vengeance in the Hands of ONE titled
 the ALMIGHTY; they proclaimed loud war against
 government and against order, and attempted the

throne and the habitation of SUPREMACY: and they rent the hills and the promontories from their ancient foundations, and piled Ossa upon Olympus, and Pelion upon Ossa; and they scaled the Heavens, and belched forth their blasphemies in the face of ETERNAL TRUTH, and hurled up the weapons of enmity and defiance. But JUPITER sent forth Minerva and Astræa, the THUNDERER gave commission to the dispensers of Wisdom and of Equity; and Wisdom was cloathed with power, and Equity with terror; and the Giants were discomfited, and the mountains which they had reared were cast upon their heads; they were buried and entombed under their own operations; and the gulph opened its depth and its vastness beneath, and received them to that final and irremediable place which from the beginning was appointed for the habitation of Giantism.

“ So sung this unhappy and ill-advised Bard.” For, inasmuch as he gave honour and excellence to GOODNESS, and discomfiture and abasement to the Sons of the Earth; he became an offence to Dignities, and a nuisance to Station, and they cast him forth from among them; and he was forbidden to tune his voice, “ Save unto mourning,” for ever.

And I also, in these the days of Degeneracy, being the Least of all the Prophets, was tempted
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to visit the fallen off of our kindred. And there came Giants from the east and from the south, and invaded the north of these kingdoms; and in my zeal I arose, and I preached against the assailers of our Liberty and the enemies of our Law; and my sermon was heard through many nations, and all those of our House and of our Lineage united as one man, and prepared to the battle. And the abettors of Giantism were greatly amazed thereat, and their courage was apalled, and their machinations were confounded; and Heaven fought on our side, and defeated the host of their confidence, that a Remnant of our Family might yet be left upon the earth.

And I exulted at this the prevalence and triumph of VIRTUE, and I said within myself, " Surely the hour approaches and is even now " arrived, when Giantism shall be trodden as dirt, " and swept away from among us, and to my " brethren alone shall be granted dominion with- " out end." And I bid my Kinsfolk and my Associates to look abroad, and remark, how the Dews of Good Government were dispensed as from above, and how all basked in the Sunshine of a Happy Administration.

And, thereupon, I opened my mouth with boldness, and I exalted myself against iniquity; for, I said, that POWER is with GOODNESS, and will prove a shield unto those who combat the
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guilty, and a patron to the exposers and scourgers of unrighteousness.

And I took my text from the sixth chapter of Genesis and onward, and I preached unto all people, that, “ In those days there were Giants
“ in the earth, and also after that ; and the same
“ became mighty men, which were of old men of
“ renown ; and God saw that their wickedness was
“ great upon the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of their heart was only evil
“ continually.” And thereafter I set forth the History of the Generation and Adventures of Giantism, and the History of the Generation and Adventures of GOODNESS, as you will shortly find it written, being a transcript of the DIVINE DRAMA above recited ; saving that I added thereto an Act of Supererogation, wherein I did unjustly and unadvisedly aver, that the day of appointed Retribution was come, wherein Giantism was wholly stripped of dignity and station, and was become a pigmy to the eyes of the laughing beholders ; and that Wealth, Power, and Pre-eminence, were with GOODNESS alone, who should dispose the same in Equity, and dispense the fruits thereof in Beneficence without end.

And while I yet spake, all the people shouted ; and they cried, “ Amen, so be it !” and they rent their sides with merriment, and the air with acclamations.

mations. When, lo! a Power, whence I least expected, arose; and a Giantism, that I looked not for, came upon me; and the Stature thereof was stupendous, and it appeared high over Property, and over Liberty, and over Law. And while I stood astonished at the suddenness of the vision, it rushed and stopped my mouth before I could make my Appeal; it censured me untried, unheard, and unimpeached, neither suffered me to plead against my condemnation; and I was appointed unto Reproof where Applause had been prepared, and unto Death on the very spot where I attempted Immortality.

And now, my beloved brethren, forasmuch as the grave is a mocker of mortal malice; and that I have nothing further to fear touching what Giants can do unto me; my only concern is for the Safety of my Kinsfolk, and my panic for the Defenceless among my Fraternity.

Wherefore, that you may not be surprised through your ignorance of the Adversary, I will give you certain Marks and Criteria of Giantism, that may serve as a rattle to warn you when the Snake approacheth; that you may flee if you have not the courage to contend, or prepare to the combat if such is your virtue.

Giantism is a bugbear, a monster, a monopoly; as where the Head hath ingulphed the Limbs, or
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the Members absorbed the Understanding. In the natural world, it is Deformity; in the moral world, it is Wickedness; in the political world, Misrule: Flattery is the harbinger, and Fear the trainbearer thereof; it is worshipped because of its violence, it is praised because of its fangs: though divested of right, yet it is cloathed with power; though it is despicable, yet is it terrible.

Take heed therefore that ye blaspheme not Vice, neither open your lips against Vanity or Riches; and when ye see Folly in the seat of Judgment, or Infamy listend on high, beware that ye look not up,—lest ye be tempted to laughter.

In patience then possess ye your spirit; be still and contemplate, be ye silent and remark; for the force of Giantism is as the hurricane of an hour, and its splendour is that of a meteor which passeth away: as a cloud that thickeneth upon the face of the morning, it is laden with tempests, it is big of its thunders; yet in the Pride of its Utterance shall it suddenly be brought down, it shall be dissipated by the mischief which it beareth within its Bowels.

But forasmuch as it is not in man to compass this matter, neither in the arm of any mortal to bring it to pass; thus saith The BLESSED AND ONLY POTENTATE, Who mocketh at all Pride as the
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swelling of a frog, and at Giantism as a cricket who exalteth himself in his corner.

“ Men of high degree are a lie ; pride com :
“ passeth them about as a chain, violence covereth
“ them as a garment ; their quiver is an open
“ sepulchre, they are all mighty men. Their
“ land also is full of silver and gold, neither is
“ there any end of their treasures ; their land also
“ is full of horses, neither is there any end of their
“ chariots.

“ Shall I not visit for these things, saith the
“ LORD, and shall not my soul be avenged on such
“ a nation as this ? For the oppression of the
“ poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I
“ arise, saith the LORD, I will set him in safety
“ from him that puffeth at him ; for the spoil of
“ the poor is in their houses, upon a lofty and
“ high mountain have they set their bed ; but
“ though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and
“ though thou set thy nest among the stars,
“ thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

“ Hear then the word of the LORD, ye scornful
“ men ! Because ye have said we have made a co-
“ venant with death, and with hell are we at
“ agreement ; when the overflowing scourge shall
“ pass thro’ it shall not come unto us ; for we have
“ made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have
“ we

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“ we hid ourselves : but thus saith the LORD,
 “ your covenant with death shall be disannulled,
 “ and your agreement with hell shall not stand.
 “ For the day of their calamity is at hand, and
 “ the things that shall come upon them make
 “ haste. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself,
 “ and opened her mouth without measure, and
 “ their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp,
 “ shall descend into it: for the triumphing of the
 “ wicked is short; though his excellency mount
 “ up to the Heavens, and his head reach unto the
 “ clouds, he shall be chased away as a vision of
 “ the night, and the eye which saw him shall see
 “ him no more.

“ But the LORD is a strength to the poor, a
 “ strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge
 “ from the storm, a shadow from the heat. HE
 “ strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, HE
 “ shall turn the shadow of their death into mourn-
 “ ing; and his judgment shall run down as waters,
 “ and his righteousness as a mighty stream.

“ But howl ye wicked, for the day of the
 “ LORD is at hand ! it cometh cruel both with
 “ wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate ;
 “ and HE shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it,

“ For that day is a day of wrath, a day of
 “ trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and
 “ desolation,

“ desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a
 “ day of clouds and thick darkness; a day of the
 “ trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and
 “ against the high towers; neither their silver nor
 “ their gold shall be able to deliver them in the
 “ day of the Lord’s wrath.

“ And every mountain and island shall be mov-
 “ ed out of their places; and all whose habita-
 “ tions are on high, and the kings of the earth,
 “ and the great men, and the rich men, and the
 “ chief captains, and the mighty men, shall hide
 “ themselves in the dens, and in the rocks of the
 “ mountains, and shall say unto the rocks and
 “ the mountains, Fall on us! and hide us from
 “ the face of HIM that sitteth on the throne! for
 “ the great day of his wrath is come, and who
 “ shall be able to stand?

“ And the LORD himself shall descend from
 “ Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the
 “ arch-angel, and with the trump of GOD. Then
 “ shall the Heavens depart as a scroll when it is
 “ rolled together; and the elements shall melt
 “ with fervent heat, and the earth shall reel to and
 “ fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like
 “ a cottage.

“ And having spoiled Principalities and Powers,
 “ HE shall make a shew of them openly. And
 “ Death

“ Death shall be swallowed up of VICTORY, and

“ Mortality shall be swallowed up of LIFE.”

WHO IS LIKE UNTO THEE, O LORD! AMONGST
THE GODS? WHO IS LIKE UNTO THEE? GLORIOUS
IN HOLINESS, FEARFUL IN PRAISES, DOING WON-
DERS? WHEREFORE, BLESSING, AND GLORY, AND
THANKSGIVING, AND HONOUR, AND POWER,
AND MIGHT, BE UNTO OUR GOD ALONE FOR EVER
AND EVER! AMEN.

